

Addition of Model Local Rule F-7 – Sod Seams

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“If a player’s ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf or a seam interferes with the player’s area of intended swing:

- **Ball in General Area.** The player may take relief under [Rule 16.1b](#).
- **Ball on Putting Green.** The player may take relief under [Rule 16.1d](#).

But interference does not exist if the seam only interferes with the player’s *stance*.

All seams within the area of cut turf are treated as the same seam in taking relief. This means that if a player has interference from any seam after *dropping* the ball, the player must proceed as required under [Rule 14.3c\(2\)](#) even when the ball is still within one club-length of the reference point.

Penalty for Playing Ball from a *Wrong Place* in Breach of Local Rule: *General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a*.”